



05th May 2023,

Deputy Patricia Ryan, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ Number: 18671/23

Question: To ask the Minister for Health how many hours were provided with the pilot statutory home support scheme in 2022-2023.

The Home Support Pilot component of the reform programme commenced on the 1st November 2021 in the following local health organisations, Galway, Cork South Lee, Dublin West & Longford / Westmeath.

CHO Area	LHO	Pilot Site – CHN
CHO 2	Galway	Tuam, Athenry & Loughrea
CHO 4	South Lee	Bandon, Kinsale & Carrigaline
CHO 7	Dublin West	Ballyfermot & Palmerstown
CHO 8	Longford / Westmeath	East Westmeath

The pilots main objective was to gather and analyse quantitative and qualitative data to inform the development of a future home support service operating model in advance of regulation of Home Support Providers and the establishment of a Statutory Home Support Scheme. In addition, the pilot explored the use of the interRAI Home Care assessment across pilot sites and the factors that supported or impeded its use.

The Centre for Effective Services (CES) were awarded the contract to complete an independent evaluation of the pilot in 2022 and the final report will be provided to the HSE in April 2023. The evaluation encompassed both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies including focus groups with key informants namely HSE pilot site staff, HSCAs, carers and clients. The findings from the evaluation will enhance the evidence base for the design of all aspects of the Statutory Home Support scheme including the implementation of InterRAI across Home Support services.

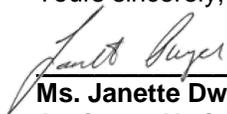
Additionally, the pilot will identify best practice in the standardisation of processes at a local and national level. The data gathered will inform the establishment of a standardised, equitable, and cost-effective Home Support service, and contribute to the delivery of enhanced levels of care within the community which will inform national strategy and planning for services for older people.

The total number of Home Support hours delivered as part of the pilot was 110,496 with 109,240 provided in 2022. The data below currently reflects the period at the conclusion of data collection phase of the pilot in September 2022.

Pilot Hours Delivered in Each Month - TOTAL									
Statutory Home Support Scheme Hours Provided in 2022 - 2023									
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total Hours Delivered
7,294	7,756	9,304	10,418	11,606	13,093	15,116	16,955	17,698	109,240

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to determine what type of home care scheme is best for Ireland. This process will consider the future design of both the funding and regulation systems for these essential services.

Yours sincerely,



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